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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1897.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, 28 November, 1897.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

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Hongkong, 14 August, 1897.

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Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
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Hongkong, 10 November, 1897.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

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RESERVE FUND \$37,500

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 5 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, 2d June, 1897.

Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, the 1st January, 1898.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,

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For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,

HONGKONG,

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager,

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,

S. CHOY,
Agent,

Hongkong, 28 December, 1897.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

The Undeclared INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, the 1st January, 1898.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Agents:

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J. B. COUGHLIE, Secretary,

CHINA LIFE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

W. H. T. DAVIS, Agent,

THE STATE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 28 December, 1897.

Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON &c.	Canton	E. Street	Noon, 30th Dec.	{ See Special Advertisement
JAPAN	Riotella	F. N. Tilford	Noon, 31st Dec.	Freight or Passage
LONDON	Malacca	N. P. Pollock, R.N.R.	About 7th Jan.	Freight or Passage

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 18 December, 1897.

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No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897.

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AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

WHAT? WHY, THAT BEAUTIFUL

AMERICAN BUTTER

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THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY.

\$1.00 PER ROLL,

OR IN PATS AT 20 CENTS AND 40 CENTS PER PAT.

Hongkong, 2d December, 1897.

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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Chaisne and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

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Intimations.

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ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

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DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents,

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THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to make to its FUNDS, usually increasing, amount to £1,000,000 Stg. The premiums are moderate; and all modern features consistent with safety have been adopted.

For Particulars and Rates, Apply to

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Hongkong, 2d March, 1896.

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ESTABLISHED 1797.

AMOUNT INSURED \$330,000,000
LOSSES PAID \$12,350,000
PREMIUM INCOME \$1,672,000

The Agency of the above Society at Hongkong having this day been transferred to us we are prepared to issue Fire policies at the lowest Current Rates of premium.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1897. [18]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undeclared AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

GEO. J. CASANOVA, Manager.

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CAPITAL TAELS 600,000 EQUAL TO \$15,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$15,000,000

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, FRAZER WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897.

NOTICE.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1897.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT
NORTHERN TELEGRAPH
COMPANY.

REVISION OF CURRENCY TARIFFS.

Referring to the Company's Circular of 24th June last, senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st January, 1898, until further notice, the currency equivalent of the franc has been fixed at \$0.40, at which rate all charges on international telegrams from China, will be collected from said date.

Tariff cards will be distributed as soon as they are received from the Head Offices. In the meantime the new charges can be ascertained by reference to our Circular of date, or to the Company's offices.

(Sd.) F. VON DER PFORDTEN,

Manager-in-China.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [1927]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Company's Steamship

"THALES."

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 31st instant, at latest.

For Freight or Passage apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [1926]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
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AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

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Dakin, Cruckshank & Co.'s Waters are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

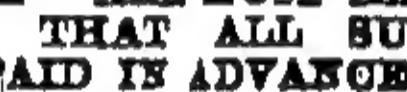
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Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1516]

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After-Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are the Xeres Wine.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

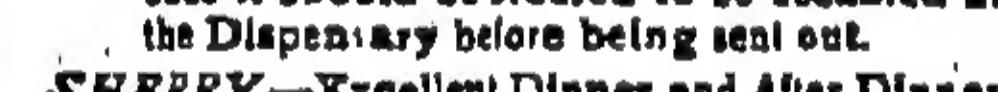
WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brand.

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We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [16]



HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The only authentic news from the north is that Admiral BULZEK, wisely, is keeping his movements secret, and not a soul seems to know what he is doing or where he may make his next appearance. In a time of warlike rumours, this is the very best game a careful Admiral could play. The air is full of war-talk; the sea is full of war-ships, all possible enemies of Britain according to the unfathomable contingencies of the immediate future; and it is well that he should be on the alert and at the same time should let nobody know what he is doing. One thing certain is that he is not comfortably enjoying his holidays in a "society" port; he is constantly moving, and is not showing the enemy his hand.

The most likely thing is that he has his main force at or near Fort Hamilton, and

in fact has his hand over that stronghold prepared to seize and hold it at a moment's notice. Anyhow we consider he would be very wrong not to do so. And in the meantime, he probably has a few couriers and scout-boats here and there, one to keep him informed how the Germans are getting on at Kiaochow at Port Arthur, one to have an eye on the Russians at Port Arthur, one to keep in touch with the Japanese at Weihaiwei and at Talleen just across the channel, one to watch events at Chemulpo and one or two to spare for despatch duty between Shanghai and Port Hamilton.

In the petition from Mr. Quong Tatt to the N.S.W. assembly, mentioned in yesterday's *Telegraph*, relative to the restriction of Aliens, the last clause reads:—"And that where the occasional mixture of Chinese with European blood occurred, there was nothing in the result to justify the belief that racial debasement would follow a more extensive infusion of Chinese blood."

This suppositious disposition of the fleet affords the most plausible explanation of the numerous conflicting reports daily pouring in. A British ship is sighted at Port Hamilton; at once that place is believed to be seized. Dito Talleen, ditto Chemulpo. And the theory we have propounded would even, at a pinch, explain the most remarkable cock-and-bull story we have heard for a long time, namely that H.M.S. *Undaunted* had been dogging the Russians so persistently as to exhaust their patience and get herself fired on and sunk! This yarn has been floating about for four or five days without confirmation, so it may safely be put down as unmitigated rubbish. We heard of it as long ago as Saturday, and surely it should have been confirmed by now if there was anything in it. Probably someone has got hold of the ancient yarn of the *Agamemnon* and *Vladimir Monomach*, and in course of repetition from one to another the names have dropped out and the date has been omitted. The yarn we had was that the Russians lost all patience at being so doggedly watched, and at last put a big shot through the *Undaunted* and sank her, with loss of 300 lives; a later report said that she had been beached in a sinking state, and now lay in five fathoms, "all hands safe." The last three words are probably the whole truth.

If this is the sort of "news" people want, we can turn it out by the ream. We lay ourselves out for versatility; "Special war telegrams while you wait!" Samples:—

(Not from our own correspondent.) The *Pamyat Asova* has occupied a commanding position on the summit of Fusayam, whence the *Centaur* cannot dislodge her, but the *Fusayam*.

There has been a bloody collision between the *Dimitri Donskoj* and a whale. Very bad for the whale. Haven't heard from the said D—D—

The Dutch have taken Holland. Queen Anne has not been well for some time. Troubled with worms.

Pekin is where it was, and the Chinese don't know what to do with themselves or their slaves.

We learn that the Wuchau authorities have made a resolute beginning at the re-establishment of the Kerosene Monopoly, which was attempted a few years ago and had to be abandoned as altogether untenable under the treaties. Of course, if kerosene can be farmed to a monopolist, so can any other article of commerce; and as a matter of fact there have been official offers of other monopolies. For instance, we know a foreign merchant who was asked by officials to buy a piece-goods monopoly at a stated price not long ago, with the understanding that if he would pay them what they asked, they would manage to suppress all other piece-goods firms. It means getting in the thin end of the wedge, whereby the mandarins hope ultimately to regain their disappearing perquisites, stifle the tranship system, and have their long-nailed fingers once more on the throat of commerce. On the 22nd inst. all imports of kerosene to Wuchau were stopped, and there is every indication that they will not be resumed till the *Guild* either wins or loses a pitched battle.

TELEGRAMS.

("HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL)
(From our own Correspondent.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

MOVEMENTS OF THE FLEETS.

SHANGHAI, December 29th,

12.15 p.m.

It is reported that the British Fleet is at Chusan, but it is doubtful if they are there. The *Merry* has received a wire from its Chefoo correspondent stating the British fleet is at Port Arthur, and that a fleet of Japanese warships is also at Port Arthur. [The report that the British fleet is at the Chusan is, we should say, very doubtful. There is, as we indicated in our last issue, good reason for believing that the British fleet is well to the north of the Chusan, and probably keeping a close watch on the movements of the Russian squadron.]

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LTD.

Messrs. John D. Hampshire & Son, General Managers, have received the following telegram from Australia:—

"A crushing of 400 tons of quartz from Eureka has yielded half an ounce to the ton. Shaft has reached a depth of 300 feet."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.18 per £.

THE Local Secretary informs us that Miss S. Mehta, A.A. of Victoria English Schools Senior Candidate at the Oxford Local Exams, last July, was placed in the list Distinguished for Religious Knowledge, and not as stated in the list recently published.

The *Grafton* came out of dock this afternoon and steamed over to her buoy near the old *Victor*.

FOR some time past the Police have been receiving complaints from the butchers in the markets regarding the sale of fresh pork outside markets. P. C. Hogarth to-day prosecuted a hawker for having sold two cabbages of pork to a boy in a house in Wingfat St. on the 25th Inst., and his Worship, after giving the defendant a lecture, fined him \$5.

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THE Macao *Independent* and the Hongkong *Extreme Orient* and *Post*, publications in the Portuguese language purporting to be newspapers, are filling their columns with long tirades against each other, profusely protesting deep friendship and repudiating any suggestion of hostility or rivalry, but at the same time giving each other beans, to the almost complete neglect of the primary business of newspapers. It would do no great harm if they would

MR. HENRY LABOUCHERE, M.P., and editor of *Truth*, last month obtained an injunction restraining Mr. Henry Fleiss, Editor of the *South African Critic*, from publishing letters written by Mr. Labouchere to the late Mr. G. A. Sais.

FROM the Manager of the Cementlight works at Bowington we have received a neat pocket diary for 1898 containing a page for each day's memoranda and giving particulars of the special advantages claimed for Cementlight. The prices at which it is sold to contractors and builders are also given and from them it appears that the wholesale rates are distinctly reasonable.

THE Sanitary Board will meet on Thursday, 30th December, at 4.15 p.m. Agenda:—1. A Report showing the progress of Bubonic Plague in Bombay from the 17th November to the 1st December, 1897. 2. The Surveyor's reports on the state of the house-drains at Blocks Nos. 35 and 45. 3. Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 18th and 25th December, 1897. 4. An application for a licence to keep cattle.

WE beg to acknowledge receipt of the "Hand-book and Directory of the Anglican Church in the Far East" of 1898, printed at the English Church Mission Press, Seoul, and published by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Limited. It is no doubt a very handy volume and will be useful to many; but we regret to notice that it is marred by unseemly outbreaks of intolerant sectarianism, as for example on page 48, where there is a vicious snarl at the Congregationalists, and in the preface, where there is a plaintive lament at the cruelty of being "merged in the crowd of Protestant sects," to quote the editor's own sneering phrase. It is such things as this that give the scoffers their justification. The spirit of Christian love and brotherhood that animates these factions, one towards the other, is about as cordial and as refining an influence as the feeling entertained by a faithful Moslem towards a devout Hindoo. There ought to be a Society for the Suppression of Sectarian Animosity.

A TERRIBLE suicide is reported from Paris lately. An elderly man named Amédée Macien, who had to resign the post of cashier in a firm owing to ill-health, roared himself alive. He made a big fire, stripped, and lay down in front of it. On a piece of paper partly consumed he had noted his resolutions. On this he wrote: "One must have a deal of courage to suffer as I have been doing for an hour past since my fire was lighted, and to bear the suffering, knowing that it must end in death, but it is a long time coming. For two hours now I have been expecting it. It seems to me, however, that my brain grows heavy, my hand less firm; perhaps my deliverance approaches. I feel my temples beating, but I fear I may be rescued before I am suffocated. But no. I will die first; if not of suffocation, at least of my burns. I feel my left leg and arm roasting; my flesh shrivels up; my temples beat more quickly; I can no longer see." There this strange document ends. The body when discovered, was in a shocking state.

ABOUT the worst term that can be applied to a man on board ship is that of "soldier," but we have seen in Hongkong that the military afloat are not differs by any means, and the recent storm in England shows that Atkins is as game as a soldier. Late papers state that five artillerymen in a small boat attempted to assist some comrades who were in distress of Shoeburyness, at the mouth of the Thames, and were themselves swept out to sea. They were picked up by a passing steamer.

AT 10 a.m. on Saturday next, the West Yorkshire Regiment embark on the chartered steamer *Tulunga* for Singapore, and the same vessel will also take from Hongkong invalids and details from the *Undaunted* and the *Victor*. The two calendars differ in their opinions as to the firm's Hongkong business, one saying Messrs. Latta, Wegener & Co., (Praya Central) are agents, and the other saying Mr. W. H. T. Davis, Hongkong manager, with offices at a Duddell Street.

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TO-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley ground there will be a match under Association rules between the H. K. Football Club and Kowloon. Both teams are strong and an excellent match is probable. Club is white, and details left London for Hongkong on the 27th ultimo in the freight ship *Bornito*. The freight ship *Shanghaia* left London on the 11th December and will bring the 25th company from Singapore. She will take the 26th and 27th companies from Hongkong on her return journey.

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THE Lancasters had their first field day, since their arrival here, to-day. At about 8.30 a.m. they marched on the Communist Pier, 960 yards, and six launchers conveyed them to Kowloon. On arrival they were marched out onto the hills behind the camp and engaged in mimic warfare with the West Yorks. The latter took the position of defenders and each man on both sides was supplied with 20 rounds of blank. The skirmishing gave the "Lances" a welcome opportunity of stretching their legs and they went into the work with splendid spirit. A detachment of artillery, with field guns, also took part in the shamfight and the roar of their guns and the cracking of the rifles gave them quite a realistic aspect. The Lancasters claimed that they had the best of it, having the first "cease fire." The men returned to barracks shortly after 2.30 p.m. rejoicing that they had no more duty for the day, but all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The regimental band played them in and out of barracks. It may be mentioned that the Lancasters' regimental march is none other than the old familiar Scottish air "Coo rigs are bounle."

AT the Magistrate to-day, Mr. Pearson, a forensic of the Public Works Department, was charged by Francis de Souza, a Sanitary Inspector and native of Goa, with having assaulted him on the night of the 27th ult. Mr. Master appeared for the defendant. Complainant's version of the affair was to the effect that on the 27th at 6.30 p.m. defendant's son and two other young men came to his room in Government Villas East, and asked for some kerosene oil. He gave them a bottleful and then defendant insulted him by saying that he would hang all the coloured people to the highest trees in Hongkong if he could. Complainant deplored that he said "Please don't use that language or I will leave your house." For answer defendant gave him a blow on the nose and complainant showed the magistrate's blood stains on his singlet. Defendant's three daughters, two sons, and two others were there at the time. Defendant, his son and plaintiff had one glass of whisky and defendant appeared to be under the influence of drink. Prior to the row they had all been quite friendly together. It was through mention being made of an Indian calling at the house that the remark was made about the coloured race. In answer to Mr. Master complainant said that he had not mentioned Goa or spoken of Goa men being fine fellows. Defendant spoke of complainant not being able to speak Portuguese and complainant said he told him that he came from Upper India and could not speak that language. He did not say he would fight any Portuguese in the colony and he did not use a single low expression of any word that should not have been used before women. He was a stranger in the house and would not think of doing so. His Worship at this stage adjourned the case till 11 a.m

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1897.

MACAO NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent)

Macao, December 16th.
The Portuguese authorities having come to an agreement with the Chinese Government by which free importation of rice from Chinese ports to Macao is sanctioned, this first staple of food is gradually being imported hitherto. Already its arrival is being sensibly felt by everyone, as the prices are correspondingly approaching the average that prevailed when rice was freely and unceasingly imported to Macao.

The scarcity of this article of food, due to the prohibition on the part of the Chinese Government, was seriously threatening the welfare of this colony so populous composed of Chinese, when the Governor, foreseeing the inevitable result that would follow had nothing been done, acted wisely, with prudence and with the best of results.

Last Sunday was the date fixed for the performance in aid of the Orphans and the Old, under the charge of the noble and heroic Canadian Sisters of Charity. The Committee, composed of leading ladies of Macao, under the presidency of Lady Galhardo, had two weeks ago distributed tickets for this event, in which a great many ladies and gentlemen of Macao took part. The theatre was quite full, and I hear, on good authority, that there will be a good harvest of shekels.

I am glad to find that the Praya, which was so seriously damaged in the last typhoon, is now repaired.

The Andrea has already arrived at Timor. That colony is now beginning to prosper under the able administration of Colonel Da Silva.

I am told that two launches under the Portuguese flag are going to commence running between Macao and some of the Pors on the West River lately opened to European steam traffic. May they prosper.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent)

TIENTSIN, December 17th.
The river has not relaxed its hold for an hour, and we are still sealed up. On the cold! It's not the cold friends tell us that you can get up by Shantung; but it's cold enough for most of us, though it is a lovely crisp dry cold which has no electrifying effect upon one. Now, I am not joking or trying to pull the leg of Hongkong readers who know nothing about cold, but there is a singular electricity in this dry northern atmosphere which is very trying to persons of a nervous temperament, and finds expression in a variety of ways. Ladies twisting their hair are surprised to see it standing out almost at right angles from the head, and it is said to crackle sharply against the brush with every movement. I can myself vouch for an exceptional amount of electricity in a cat which while basking in front of a hot fire, was being stroked by its owner, whose hand had held of the creature's leg and he was surprised at receiving several distinct electric shocks up the arm in question. You may attribute all this electrical romance to the presence in Tientsin of Mr. Richards, but he has not impressed Tientsin sufficiently favourably to have such an influence on other thoughts. Tientsin has voted Mr. or "Prof." Richards one of nature's mistakes. Myself I rather fancy the royal letters patent attached to his name is a mistake, at any rate I cannot understand how he has attained such a distinction.

It is very curious indeed and interesting the complete change in everything brought about by this frozen river. In place of the broad thronged with coolies jostling and pushing the unwary pedestrian, we have a clean clear promenade; and in place of the rocking turbulent waters of the Peiho we have a street of dingy, and rather lumpy ice closed round an occasional boat here and there, though the majority of the junks are cracked bottom upwards along the farther bank. In lieu of the oft-repeating native craft there are now small sloops or rafts on runners propelled by a man with a spike at the back, and which glide swiftly and smoothly on and down on the frozen river, with bales or passengers. They are small and light, the passengers squatting flat upon the boards, and bearing the fact that such locomotion must be very cold the little vehicles look quite fascinating when they are running over smooth ice. The skating rink is to full swing, and the winter sports and cinderellas are all coming on. Several ships are frozen in at Tong, and the bar, but they are expected to get away with the first high tide. This shows how early the season is. Our No. 1 tug the *Yatman* has got shut out, and has had to go to Chefoo. Fortunately she is a fine and strong boat, and probably she'll do the trip all right. Sixty-five going to Peking early in January to a dim fate at the British Legation. I for one have not the inclination to go all that way in a frost biting cold and halfway disconnected just for a dance and I o'er not envy those who have accepted invitations. A friend of mine recently visited Peking and has been suffering with frost-bitten extremities ever since. The train he travelled by was delayed by reason of the engine not being able to carry sufficient water, a common failing I believe on the part of the Baldwin engines employed on the line.

We still remain curiously discussing the Germans at Kiaochow. I was credibly informed by someone in the "know" that Germany has accepted Samson in lieu of Kiaochow at Celia's earnest request, as on mature reflection she decided the Southern post would cost her less to fortify etc. But I do not credit the report in the least. In the first place Germany has been to some trouble to fix herself up comfortably in Kiaochow, and if she had presented any other place she could have had it. Moreover she is not likely I should say with her small force to go and occupy such a central position as Samson, the very nose of England and Japan. It does not sound at all probable. No, you will find she will stay where she is, under the auspices of Russia and it is intended to take the whole of Shantung and if Samson is appropriated by any one it may be France.

I have not been able to confirm the report about the Russians taking Port Arthur, and incline to the opinion that nothing decisive has been done yet. But a panic prevails among the natives in that region, and General Seung is said to have sent all his family and his possessions away, as he evidently thinks it highly probable that this will be the next step.

Mr. and Mrs. [B]rendon, relatives of Sir Robert Hart passed up to Peking very recently, and I was told, though I cannot vouch for it, that this gentleman affirmed he would be succeeding Sir Robert Hart in the Spring, when the I.G. would be retiring from office. I hope this is not true; al though Sir Robert's son-in-law is undoubtedly a smart man, it is to be feared any change in the protectorate will prove a pig on which to hang rival interests. But we shall see.

The signs are looking very gay up here, and tele and invitations are on the triple galore. There is plenty of money spent in little Tientsin I can assure you, and there is one establishment, —I need hardly say for ladies—where the most lavish costumes are ordered with a reckless magnificence.

A mail for the south leaves to-night which I am trying to catch. We have only an hour or two now for mats, which does not leave a very big margin for imagination. The year will be dead and buried ere this reaches you, so I would wish my readers a "Merry Xmas."

NOT ANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER.
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.

Barometer 30.177.

Thermometer 63.5

Humidity 65.0

Rainfall 1.21

TO-DAY.

Wednesday, 29th December, 1897.

Chinese—6th of 12th moon of 25th year of Kuang-hsu.

Jewish—5th Tisri, 5658.

Mohammedan—6th Shawab, 1215.

Sun—Rusi 6hr. 37min.

Sets 6hr. 21min.

Moon—in Equator 6hr. p.m.

High water—Morning 6hr. 1min.

Afternoon 6hr. 6min.

Night 6hr. 20min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1770—Murder of Thomas à Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.

1809—W. E. Gladstone born.

1848—Gwlar taken by the British.

1850—The Pope deposed by the Roman Assembly.

1851—Second Kaffir War commenced.

1854—The Taiping blocked the Canton River and defeated the Imperialist fleet at Whampoa.

1857—Magazine Hill, Canton, captured by the Allies.

TO-MORROW.

Thursday, 30th December, 1897.

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ANNIVERSARIES.

1853—Pegu annexed.

1854—All slaves of the Portuguese Crown declared free.

1856—Prince Alfonso proclaimed King of Spain.

1857—Grand Naval review at Tsim-tsa-tau.

1860—Dr. Rival shot at Manila for conspiracy in the rebellion.

MEMORANDA.

TO-MORROW, —30th December.

11 a.m.—English mail closes.

Noon—China leaves for England.

4.15 p.m.—Sanitary Board meeting.

4.30 p.m.—Football match at Happy Valley between the Club and Kowloon.

SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Canton Insurance \$15.40; sales: China, Sugars \$16.00; buyers; L-sen \$1.50; Rice \$2.50; buyers; Fumins \$1.50; tea \$1.50; silk \$1.50; Drags 22 per cent; prem.; Green Islands \$1.50; sales: Do. Do. new issue \$1.50; buyers; Ropes \$1.70; sales.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS Due:

Indian (*Calcutta*) 1st prox.
French (*Versailles*) 1st prox.
American (*Groton*) 3rd prox.
Australian (*Australia*) 6th prox.
American (*City of Peking*) 15th prox.

THE N.P.S.S. Co.'s steamer *Olympia* sailed from Yokohama for Portland on the 28th inst.

THE *Gazette* will be despatched hence on Saturday the 13th January at daylight and not the time previously advised.

THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Hakata* (Asia Line) left Koo-wei Moi for its port yesterday, and is expected to arrive here on the 6th prox.

THE *Belgic* will be despatched hence for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nanking, Kobe, India S. C., Yokohama and Honolulu, on Thursday, February 2nd, at noon.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. yesterday to 2 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Kansu steamer, from Chinkiang.

Hainan " Hengay

Hupai " Java

Wuguan " Mauritius

Tades " Chinkiang

Old " Taiwan

Lepisig " Canton

Fuping " Canton

Aggregating 1,781 tons register.

DEPARTURES.

Tungchow steamer, for Shanghai.

Nanyang Foochow

Amy " Kobe

Terrier " Pakchel

Kansu " Canton

Fyedo " Canton

H.C.M.S. " Canton

Petrel " Canton

P.C. Kiao " Bangkok

Corompoli " Hongay

Wongai " Canton

SWATOW.

Arrivals. from Agents.

Dec. 27 Hailong Hongkong J. M. & Co.

27 Hotmuts Taiwan J. M. & Co.

Departures. for Agents.

Dec. 27 Hailong Amy J. M. & Co.

27 Hotmuts Hongkong J. M. & Co.

In PORT—Nil.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—30th November—Dolmest, Ousar,

Cores, Santa, Glenca, ad Dei—Bodrum,

Pingtseuy, Sachem, Yarra, Ghossi, Dordogne,

Amphitheatre, Delta—Richards, Orveill, St.

Ronald, 10th December—Gorda, Nestor, Tan-

alus, Atala, Courte, 14th December—

Oceano, 21st December—Ningchow, Erebus,

Maria Richmors, Prometheus, 24th Decem-

ber—Cormathens, Maria Valeria, Minas-

lous, 28th December—Sydney, Maria Fisher,

Cam, Tigr.

HOWARD—7th December—Caledonian,

12th December—Giles, Shanghai, Sunday,

13th December—St. Ninian, 22nd December

—Willy, 23rd December—Dayton.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on Friday next at noon:

Gentlemen.—We beg to lay before you the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1897.

The total receipts for the twelve months, including rent and transfer fees, amount to £27,711.65. After paying interest and all running expenses and making provision for auditors' fees, there remains a net profit on the year's working of £11,073.07, which, together with £2,007.8 carried forward from last year, gives a sum of £13,080.65 available for appropriation.

Your General Managers and Consulting Committee recommend that a dividend of 4/- per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing £2,000.00, that £2,000.00 be written off the value of the Company's stations, Cleave holds, and buildings, and that the balance, £2,332.6 be carried forward to new account.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
IZUMI MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA Ports), and COLOMBO.	THURSDAY, 30th December, at Noon.
RIOJUN MARU	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA KOBE	THURSDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.
A. E. MOSES	YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU	WEDNESDAY, 5th January, at 4 P.M.
TAMA MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 7th January, at 4 P.M.
HAKATA MARU	MARSEILLE, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 20th January, at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 21st January, at Noon.
YAMAGUCHI MARU	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 25th January, at Noon.
YANASHIRO MARU	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS, VILL KELPEL BAY, BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 26th January, at 4 P.M.
J. Jones	SYDNEY, MELBOURNE	

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.
For further information as to Freight, Passage, Salloge &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7 Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897 [1864]

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NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of December, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st November, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1881]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

In accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 3rd January, 1898, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of 5% per cent, PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the same being at the Rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co., General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [1855]

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Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [1843]

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STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN."

Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers,

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [1821]

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THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO,"

Captain Belistic, will be despatched as above

on FRIDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in

VICTORIA DOCK.

For Further Particulars regarding Freight and

Passage apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents,

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1813]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA."

Captain Willms, will be despatched as above

on FRIDAY, the 31st instant, at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [1817]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain K. H. Sundberg, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [1823]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [1860]

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FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRIDON,"

Captain Roison, will be despatched as above

on TUESDAY, the 4th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1897. [1861]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamship

"YARROWDALE,"

Captain G. Geddes, will be despatched as

above on or about the 5th January, 1898.

To be followed by the

S.S. "HANSEAT" on or about 31st Jan., 1898.

S.S. "FLYDERHORN" on or about 15th Feb., 1898.

S.S. "ORWELL" on or about 28th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1822]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL

THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE,"

to sail about the 15th January, 1898.

S.S. "ARGYLL" about 6th Feb., 1898.

S.S. "GHAZEE" about 20th Feb., 1898.

S.S. "LENNON" about 10th March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [1913]